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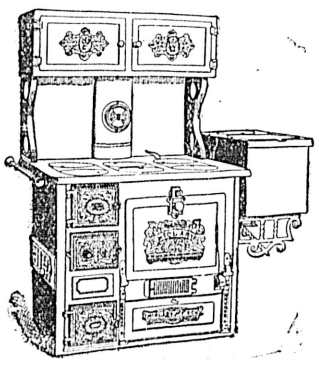

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CHAS. KENT, Treasurer.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Western roads say that they will not abandon their large commissions on business from Canadian points to points in Eastern Canada and New England, to which objection has been made by the Canadian Pacific. They say that they have put the commissions on to remain as long as the "Soo" line keeps up its competition, and they will not take them off until they have had satisfactory assurances that the "Soo" line has done, or is about to do so.

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WEYLER'S MOVEMENTS

The General to Take the Field—Cubans Infuriated Over Zertucha's Treachery.

The Cuban Resolutions in Congress—A Strong Movement Towards Opposing Them.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says: That Gen. Weyler is going into the field again is confirmed to-night by passengers on the Havana boat. Preparations are being made with secrecy for a forward movement. Three battalions of newly landed troops left by water for the east. It is supposed this is a part of Weyler's coming campaign. Gomez is advancing rapidly to the gates of Havana. It is stated from Cuban sources that the Cuban leader is wild over the murder of his only son and his beloved chief, and is burning to revenge their fall.

The Cubans in the army are infuriated also over the treachery of Dr. Zertucha. Dr. Zertucha is a marked man, too, and it reported that a move will be made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana, with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed, the Cubans say. If he goes over there they have friendly hands in that country who will avenge Maceo and young Gomez.

Maj. Ciruejeda also comes in for his share of hatred and revenge.

Strong insurgent bands are now so close to Havana that the Spanish soldiers seldom venture far out of the gates of the city except in strong force. A company of twenty-five were attacked Sunday night not over three miles from the palace by an insurgent band and several of them killed. This audacity has worried Weyler, but he cannot capture or disperse them. An American, named Amos Johnson, from Texas, is their most prominent leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Key West special to the World says Gen. Weyler proposes to take the field in Santa Clara province, it is learned from Havana, and force the fighting. The captain-general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Besides, a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madid that something must be done by January 1, to forestall action by congress on the Cameron resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Hale has received a letter from Senator Hoar, who is out of the city, announcing his opposition to the Cuban resolution and asking Senator Hale to pair with him in any way that will defeat, delay, or bring confusion to the resolution reported from the committee on foreign relations.

Senator Hale, who is expected to lead the opposition to the Cuban resolutions in the senate, is preparing for the conflict, which he expects will follow the holiday recess. It is the general understanding that this question will be one of the first raised after the reconvening of congress, and it is looked forward to for a battle royal.

"The advocates of the resolution," said the Maine senator to-day, "were at first inclined to claim a two-third majority, but I doubt whether they feel so sanguine now, and I am sure they would not if they knew how rapidly the conservative sentiment in the senate is growing. I was sorry to see that," the senator continued, "I had been quoted as saying that we should be able to defeat the resolution on a vote.

"I would not want to claim that result at the present time, but I hope for it in the end. Indeed, I am receiving assurances from influential senators every day in sympathy with the opposition to the resolution, and I believe the sentiment in the country is rapidly veering that way. Of course, there are meetings and resolutions on the other side, but one can gather men together in advocacy of any cause and get signatures to almost any kind of petition. My contention is that the business men and thinking men of the country are opposed to any step which is liable to plunge the country into war. In my own state, for instance, there is only one prominent newspaper which advocates the course advised by the senate committee on foreign relations."

A special from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and to terminate the revolution.

TO SHORTEN THE PASSAGE.

Steamers Building to Connect Newfoundland and Cape Breton—Extradition Proceedings.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Robert Reid, of Montreal, who built the railway across the island for the Newfoundland government, has just awarded contracts in London for the building of fast steamers 250 feet long and 32 feet beam to ply between Port au Basque, Newfoundland, and Sydney, Cape Breton. The steamers will make the trip in about three hours, thus bringing Montreal, Boston and New York into closer connection with the island colony. Mr. Reid will sail for New York shortly. The railway which is now in operation is owned by Newfoundland.

Detective Goldfon, of Pittsburg, Pa., who came on here and arrested one Louis Levi, has been annoyed by telegrams sent to his wife saying that he was in trouble with the police authorities here. Judge Dugas will render judgment in the extradition proceedings to-morrow.

Fruit sets, berry sets, water sets, lemonade sets, fruit and sweat meat dishes in many styles at Weiler Bros. x

LIFE OF THE QUEEN.

Her Majesty Preparing a Biography to Be Published Next Year.

Dreadful Weather at Sea—The Pope Receives the Season's Greetings.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The St. James Gazette says the Queen will personally dictate and revise a biography of Her Majesty which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England, as the Queen herself regards it.

El Tiempo, of Madrid, asserts that a high political personage is to be sent to Washington to confer with officers of the government there regarding relations between Spain and the United States.

The White Star liner Majestic, Capt. Smith, from New York on December 16, which arrived at 11 o'clock this morning, reports having experienced dreadful weather, especially on Friday last, December 18., when she encountered a terrific sea. The Majestic passed an iceberg on December 19 in latitude 44.50 north and longitude 47.14 west.

Senor Romero, minister of finance in the Argentine, has resigned.

In a duel, fought with pistols, near Stuttgart to-day between Baron von Wangerheim, secretary of the German legation at Copenhagen, and Lieutenant Count von Gylenban, the former was wounded in the kidneys and the latter in the abdomen. Both were taken to the hospital.

The Pope to-day received in solemn audience the cardinals and prelates, who tendered him the season's greetings. The reception took place in the throne room. His Holiness appeared to be in excellent health, and in a clear voice replied to the usual protests against the position of the holy see. He asked what was the use of laws for the safeguard and dignity of the pope, when even his charitable and disinterested idea of consoling the Italian prisoners in Abyssinia had been made a public target for outrage and calumny.

Great floods in Northern Greece have caused the overflow of the Salamaria river. Enormous damage has been done, villages have been inundated and a number of persons drowned.

It is believed that the band of men said to number only ten persons, bearing a Republican flag, were dispersed by gensdarmes at Novelda, province of Alicante, Spain, was merely composed of bandits, although the report is spread that they were paid by Cuban agents to provoke a panic and divert attention from Cuba.

An Imperial Russian ordinance has been issued to sanction a new Eastern Chinese railway company with a capital of five million roubles, to construct and work a railway from the western frontier of Hei-Lung-Chiang to the eastern frontier of Kirin, in Manchuria, to connect with branches of the Siberian railway. It is provided that the holders of shares must be Russians or Chinese.

Le Figaro intimates that owing to difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the post of Baron de Courcel, French ambassador to the court of St. James, may be left vacant for a while.

It is officially stated that the plague is increasing at Bombay and Karachi. The seaport of Sinde is also declared to be infected.

The manager of the London-Brazilian bank at Para, Brazil, committed suicide at the Central railway station.

In ministerial circles at Madrid it is denied that the government intends to call out a fresh contingent of troops.

Earl Russell's Riverside residence was destroyed by fire last night. It is rumored that the fire was of an incendiary origin. Since the trial of the Earl's suit against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three others, his lordship has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

A special from Kingston, Jamaica, says: "Matters are tranquil at Hayti at present, but it is stated that the revolution is bound to come later. The report that the French government has refused the recognition of Managat, as Haytian minister to the republic, is confirmed here. If he should return to Hayti from Paris, Managat may make trouble. Politics in Hayti are in abeyance on account of the ravages of the yellow fever, which is still epidemic. Among the recent victims of the fever is Henri Pasqual, French diplomatic representative. He was buried with military honor, the president attending the funeral.

Heavy rains have flooded the valley of Simeto river and much damage has resulted. Eight persons were drowned.

Spanish securities were strong on the Paris bourse to-day owing to the report that a dispatch had been received from Washington which indicates that the United States was ready to recognize the continuance of Spanish sovereignty in Cuba on condition that the United States is invited to intervene and end the war.

"Une Idylle Tragique," a four act play from M. Paul Bourget's novel, was produced at the Gymnase last night before a brilliant audience containing a large American element. The play was applauded heartily from beginning to end. Madame Jane Hading's acting was superb, and the costumes and scenery were exceedingly good. Mr. James Gordon Bennett personally supervised the realistic opening yacht scene.

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the COLONIST office. x

Xmas puzzle—What shall my gift be, well choose a ladies companion or a scissor case, carving set, shaving set, a good razor, pocket or sporting knife, set of Christy bread knifes from Fox's, 78 Government street. x

SEVERE CATTLE LOSS.

The Recent Severe Weather Has Proved Most Destructive—Gilbert Parker.

J. Ross Robertson's Present to the Free Masons—The Queen's Own.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Gilbert Parker, the well known Canadian literateur, arrived to-day on a visit.

Owing to the severe weather prevailing in the Territories cattle have suffered severely.

Colonel Maunsell, of New Brunswick, and two other officers will investigate the Queen's Own Rifle trouble.

Ross Robertson, M.P., has presented the masonic fraternity of the capital with a bible, set of working tools and gavels to replace those destroyed by fire a fortnight ago.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Returning Officers Arrested.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—About twenty deputy returning officers, who officiated during the June election in the Macdonald constituency, were arrested to-day charged with tampering with the ballots. Many regard the arrests as a bluff gag by the Liberals.

Conservative Banquet at Windsor.

WINDSOR, Dec. 23.—The young Conservatives of this city will have a banquet early in January. Hon. Dr. Montague and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, of Winnipeg, will be invited to attend and speak.

Canada Jute Co.'s Factory Burned.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The premises of the Canada Jute Co., ltd., were damaged to the extent of $10,000 by fire yesterday; insured.

Dominion Rifle Range.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Hon. Mr. Borden, Minister of Militia, General Gascoigne, Adjutant General Aylmer, Quartermaster-General Lake and others inspected the proposed site for the new rifle range for the Dominion matches in Nepean township east of the city yesterday afternoon. The government has now two available sites to look into. The other site is below Rockcliff. If the new range is to be ready for next year's matches, no time can be lost. It is probable that Rideau range will have to be once more utilized.

Waterworks Destroyed.

LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 23.—The town water works were destroyed by fire to-day. Loss, $4,000.

Dry Goods Failure.

CHATHAM, Dec. 23.—A. Cohen & Co., dry goods, have failed with liabilities of $11,000.

London Election Trials.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The election trials have been postponed till January 18. The costs up to date amount to $10,000.

KILLED BY HER ADOPTED SON.

A Woman Bound, Gagged and Maltreated—She Had Spent His Small Fortune.

NUNDA, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Willet, who was bound, gagged and left tied to a bedpost at her home near here a few nights ago, died to-night at the home of her daughtrr, Mrs. H. S. Wakeley, at Rossburg. On her death bed she confessed that one of the men who maltreated her was her adopted son, George H. Willet. She stated that the father of the adopted son gave her $4,000 in cash to be given to him when he came of age. Of this amount she had spent all but about $150, having never told the boy that his father had left any money for him.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

President Cleveland Receives Their First Minister to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—After several weeks of consideration on the status of Senor Rodriguez, first minister of the greater republic of Central America, President Cleveland to-day received him and accepted his credentials in a short speech, which, while formal in its tone, was thoroughly earnest in its evidence of good will towards the new American union. The President emphasized the purpose of the United States government to hold the individual states of the new union to the responsibility for past claims, and indicated an expectation that Guatemala and Costa Rica, which have so far refrained from joining with the others in the new repulic, would soon give in their adhesion.

LEAVING LAURIER.

Mr. Angers, M. P. for Charlevoix, Deserts the Premier on the School Question.

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—(Special)—It is reported that Charles Angers, M. P. for Charlevoix, has written to Hon. Mr. Laurier, withdrawing from him his support, in consequence of his action in regard to the Manitoba school question.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Stubb's Vegetable Blood Purifier—the best remedy. x

STAMBULOFF'S MURDER

Opening of the Trial—Some Startling Testimony Offered to the Court.

Brutal in the Extreme—Stabbed, Shot, Hacked and Terribly Beaten.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 23.—The trial of the persons accused of the murder of ex-Premier Stambuloff, who was stabbed in the streets of this city in July, 1895, resulting in his death on July 18, was formally opened in the court house before a mixed tribunal and was continued yesterday. The accused are: Boni Georgeoff, a former servant of Maj. Panitza; Atzoff, a Macedonian, the coachman who drove Stambuloff from the Union club to the scene of the crime; Naum Tuffektcheff, an employe in the building department in the ministry of public works here, and brother of Dimitri Tuffektcheff, who died in prison, as is asserted as a result of torture inflicted by the direct order of the prime minister. Tuffektcheff was accused of complicity in the murder of the minister of finance, who was assassinated in the street in the presence of M. Stambuloff, for whom he was mistaken, on March 28, 1891.

A letter written by the murdered statesman to a friend some three months before his death was read by the judge amid profound silence. The letter was dated Sofia, March 16, 1895, and gave in detail the plot for Stambuloff's murder. This information, the letter asserted, came from one Ch. Zachariew, who was in close touch with a band of ten or fifteen assassins, who had sworn to free the country from "the tyrant Stambuloff." The letter declared that the assassins expected clemency from the prince after a short imprisonment, and that a plot was also afoot for the murder of the prince himself. It implicates a number of other political agitators besides those now on trial. The letter concludes:

"These statements I have written in order that it may be known that the plan of the murderer was known to me, and that sooner or later my friends and my children may demand their punishment. S. STAMBULOFF."

The murder of M. Stambuloff was brutal in the extreme. He was stabbed, shot, hacked and beaten in a most terrible manner by his assailants, who stopped his carriage while he was returning home, during the evening of July 15, from luncheon at the Union Club, accompanied by a colleague, M. Petcoff.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Ignominious Defeat of the Spaniards Who Are Mown Down by the Natives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manilla, Philippine islands, are verified by an account that appears in the Hongkong press received per Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Covite and Viejo. At the end of the campaign, which lasted until November 14, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful, and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about 35 killed and 100 wounded.

Ic is learned that the great victory the Castilians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels held Noveleta against the warships and troops, and the Spaniards retired suffering a heavy loss. The Spanish forces under General Rios were divided into two brigades of 7,000 men, each supported by the Spanish gunboats in the bay. The insurgents numbered about 12,000, a somewhat smaller force than the Spanish commanded, but they were strongly entrenched in Covite and Noveleta. At the head of the Noveleta peninsula the ground was honeycombed with rifle pits, and the town defended from assault by earthworks planted with rapid-fire cannon and several pieces of heavy artillery.

Gen. Rios attacked the first line of redoubts at Noveleta, and the rebels fell back to the main line of defense, a mile in the rear of the picket line. The Spanish had their plans well arranged. They placed the cruiser Castilla close in shore, and with her guns covered the attack of the royal troops. The cruiser's shells reached the outside defenses of the rebels, but had little effect on the defenses of the city. The fight started at 9 o'clock Sunday, November 8, and by 1 p.m. the insurgents' outer works had been evacuated.

Then a general attack followed, Rios throwing the main body of his first brigade against the rebel entrenchments. The gunboats opened fire on the enemy, but owing to bad gunnery failed to cause any damage to the defenses. The Cardella, the closest to Covite, was fully six miles from the town, and all of her shells fell short, owing to the extreme elevation of the ship's cannon.

When Rios' men reached the insurgents' works a terrific fire was opened on them. They marched forth resolutely until the rifle pits commenced to belch fire, mowing down the front ranks. The column faltered, then retreated slowly under a heavy fire. The Spanish troops were in the open and subjected to the full effect of the fire. Had the rebels' gunnery been good, they would have been slaughtered.

On the morning of November 9 the Spanish were back in their camp again and had repaired the remnants of their first brigade. The second brigade had suffered very little. The steamer Isabel I and a small transport were used to fetch the wounded to port from the peninsula. At least 500 wounded were brought from the battlefield.

On Wednesday, November 11, Rios prepared and headed a second attack on Noveleta. He threw his entire army against the redoubts, but was routed with heavy loss in the first attack. The gunboats failed to aid the troops to any extent, their shots falling short.

The Spanish did not attempt to renew the attack, but waited until the morning of November 14, when a weak effort was made to flank the rebels, the failure of which ended the fighting for the time being.

WILL BE COERCED.

Powers Wearied With the Sultan's Obstinacy—Will Compel Him to Make Reforms.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—All ambassadors have now received instructions to act in concert for fresh proposals with a view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. The proposals before being submitted to the Sultan will be referred to their respective governments. All the powers, including Russia, have repeatedly announced during the past few months that they have agreed on the expediency of employing coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant. But the form of coercion to be employed will not be determined upon until the emergency arises.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—As frequently announced from various capitals, since the visit of the Czar to the Queen at Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing and they have determined to begin a policy of coercion. The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the foreign office and communicated to them the views of the British government on the definite proposals to Russia for a joint intervention in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own government and thus enable the representatives of the great powers at Constantinople to be properly instructed.

It is believed that unless the Sultan within the next ten days shows deference, which is at present little suspected, decisive steps will be taken by the joint powers. In this connection, the Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the Bosphorus, where it will be joined by the squadrons of other powers from the Dardanelles.

THE CAMERON RESOLUTION.

Secretary Olney's Interpretation Discussed by the Press of London—Position of President Cleveland.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Times in an editorial says it thinks that in the face of Mr. Olney's distinct intimation of President Cleveland's intention toward the Cameron resolution, the two houses of congress may hesitate to accept the responsibility of the resolution.

"President Cleveland has nothing to gain by yielding," the Times continues, "and it is difficult to see what the majority in congress could do. Is he to be arraigned before the supreme court and impeached eventually for disobedience, if he be found in the wrong of the movement.

"The question appears more likely to be a conflict of the powers within the American constitution than between Spain and the United States. Even if Mr. Sherman should be secretary of state in the new administration, it is hardly likely that Mr. McKinley would surrender his independence as executive and enter upon the incalculable risk of a war with Spain."

The Chronicle also discusses the constitutional question involved in the apparent difference between President Cleveland and congress on the Cameron resolution. This paper thinks that Mr. Olney cannot put his foot down so absolutely and that he must have been misunderstood, "because, even admitting the difficulty of bringing the matter before the supreme court, congress could apparently impeach the President, or take the quicker step of declaring war against Spain."

The Standard, on the other hand, does not doubt but that Mr. Olney's doctrine is perfectly sound. It says: "We seem to be in the presence of one of those checks which the fathers of the American constitution wisely imposed upon the impulsive or spasmodic ignorance of the crowd and its more direct representatives."

TRADE AND FINANCE.

London Markets Neglected—Closing Prices of Stocks in New York—Values of Wheat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—To-day's stock market was of holiday proportions, and the course of prices indicated a desire to even up contracts on both sides before the impending protracted holidays. Trading came to a positive halt occasionally, and the moderate business was almost entirely for professional's account. Prices moved irregularly, but an undercurrent of strength was noted. The following were the closing prices:

Atchison	13½
Baltimore & Ohio	14⅝
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	10
Delaware & Hudson	149½
New York Central	93¾
Union Pacific	87⅛
Western Union	82
Bar silver, per ounce	65⅜
Commercial Cable	63¼
C. P. R. in London	56½

The Evening Post's financial cablegram from London says: "The holiday appearance continues in the neglected stock markets. Americas were lower to-day in sympathy with New York. The bank failures in the United States will deter purchases here of Americans, but they do not cause realizations. Well informed people had looked for something of the kind, and they expect more.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wheat receipts, 79,600; exports, 95,400; sales, 2,655,000 futures. Spot, firmer; No. 1 Northern New York, 89¾c fob. afloat; No. 1 hard, 94½c fob. afloat. Options opened strong and advanced on higher cables, foreign buying but bullish sentiment and local covering, finally easing off under realization, but closing firmer at ¾c to 1¼c net advance. No. 2 red, January, 88c and closed at 88⅞c; March, 90¾c to 90⅝c, closed 90½; May, 86⅝c to 87½c, closed 87¼c; July, 82¾c to 83 3-16c, closed 83⅛c; December, 89¾c, closed 89½.

CASTORIA

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M'LEOD HIMSELF AGAIN.

His Injuries Evidently Less Serious Than at First Reported.

The many friends, both here and in Nanaimo, of Dan. S. McLeod, champion wrestler of this province and of California, and the coming champion of the world, will learn with pleasure that his injuries in the recent match with "The Giant Gripman" are much less serious than at first reported. In fact, he has so quickly recovered his health and strength that a Chicago dispatch of yesterday announces "if arrangements can be perfected he will attempt a unique feature here late in January or early in February. McLeod's proposition is to take any five native local wrestlers and throw one after the other, all of them inside of sixty minutes of actual wrestling time. He proposes to do this or forfeit the entire gate receipts, the latter to be divided share and share alike between the five men if he fails to accomplish the task. This has never before been attempted in this part of the country. McLeod has almost despaired of a match with 'Farmer' Burns."

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Christmas Business Causes a Harvest for the Grocer—Eastern Poultry Arrives.

Holiday trade this week is filling grocery stores with business, the streets with animation, and last, but not least, is causing money to stir as it never did before, this year. The Christmas turkey and goose are everywhere in evidence, for in addition to the local supply large consignments of frozen poultry have arrived from the East, creating a desired plentifulness and still more desirable cheapness. Most of these consignments arrived in fairly good condition, but there were exceptions, and these went "dirt cheap." The retail quotations for the week are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.50
Victoria XXX	5.50
Lion	5.50
Portland roller	5.75
Salem	5.75
Rainier	5.75
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.50
Superfine	4.75
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.50
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@32.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	19.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
" " California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	30.00@32.00
" cracked, per ton	32.00@35.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	40@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1¼
" sweet, per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	2
Hay, baled, per ton	15 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	2½
Cheese, per lb	15@20
Eggs, Island, per doz	50@55
" imported, per doz	30
Butter, fresh, per lb	30
" Creamery, per lb	35
" Dairy, per lb	25
" Delta, per lb	35
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	18@20
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7@7½
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	18@22
" " (Eastern)	16
Geese, per lb	18@20
Chickens, each	50@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
Grouse, per brace	1 00
Duck, Mallard, per brace	75@1 00
FRUITS—Calfornia apples, per lb	5
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
Bananas, per doz	20@25
Pears, per lb	3@4
Grapes, per lb	10@12
Cranberries, per lb	10@15
Oranges, Australian, per doz	40@50
Japanese oranges, per doz	65
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Smoked Salmon, per lb	20
Herring, per lb	12@15
Haddock, Finnan, per lb	15
Bloaters, per lb	10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills or sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

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TAKE your prescriptions and recipes to Shotbolt, the Pioneer Druggist, Johnson street.
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Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 6th January, 1897, at the office of the Company, No. 74 Wharf street Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Provisional Trustees, and appointing Trustees for the ensuing year, with other necessary business.

F. F. HEDGES,
Secretary-Treasurer
Victoria, 21st December, 1896. de22

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Late 34th Regiment, and in possession of the Mutiny Medal and Clasp for Lucknow, will be pleased to polish gentlemen's boots; honorarium, 10 cents. Campbell's Corner. oc18

Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found For Sale or To Let and Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty-five cents.

WANTS.

MISS TIDBURY, English certificated ladies' nurse, has removed to 227 Johnson street. Telephone No. 114. de23

WANTED—Position as housekeeper by an experienced woman. Apply 129 Cormorant street. de22

JAPANESE boys want situation to do work. Apply Yoshida, 179 Cook street. de22

TEACHER WANTED for Hornby Island, Comox District; male teacher preferred. Apply to Geo. Hetherbell, Hornby Island, B.C. de20

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40 YEARS a piano tuner—Orders left at Fletcher Bros. music store, near Post Office, for Jas. Sheridan. All work guaranteed.

WANTED—A girl to do housework. Address 33, the Colonist office. de19

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TO LET—The second story of the Lewis Lewis building, containing a large hall; also 3 furnished rooms and parlor on the third floor. Apply to Lewis Lewis. de23-1m

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms at Ellsmere House, 101 Pandora avenue. Apply 97 Quadra street. de6-1m

TO LET—From 1st December next, grocery store and dwelling, on southwest corner of Cook and North Park streets, now occupied by ex-Alderman Dwyer. Apply 95 Cadboro Bay road. 15th November, 1896. no16-7t

FURNISHED house to rent, 4 Battery street, Beacon Hill Park; 8 rooms, with lawn, flowers, etc.; small stable; rent very reasonable. Call at any time after 10 a.m. oc24-tf

FOR RENT—Large front room, suitable for two; every convenience; breakfast if desired. Apply 5 Queen's avenue, near Government street de24-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Genuine Arensberg (Harz Mountain, Germany) canaries, at the Bank Exchange, corner Langley and Yates streets. Call and hear the birds sing and see cect. de22

CHRISTMAS trees for sale; all sizes. At 81½ Yates. de20

FOR SALE—An old established insurance, auctioneering and brokering business in the N.W.T. Address V.D.C., Colonist office. de15

JUST arrived from Mill Bay, 75 cords No 1 dry cordwood; for sale at current rates; in short or long lengths as required; your order solicited. A. C. Howe. de19

5000 shares Consolidated Alberni for sale; offers wanted Monday; also 1000 shares Channe 27 cents. John A. Wilson & Co., mining brokers. no29

FOR SALE—Best household Coal and Wood at market prices. Apply Flint & Prosser.

MISCELLANEOUS.

F. ELWORTHY—Balance-sheets prepared, accounts audited, general agencies taken, Office, Board of Trade Building. au30 tf

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Teacher Wanted.

Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of teacher for Trenant Public School, Delta Municipality, up to the 1st day of January, 1897.

Applicants to state the grade of certificate held by them.

By order.
J. B. BURR, Secretary,
Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Christmas Business Larger at Vancouver—Japanese Christian Endeavor—Hon. Mr. Blair.

Westminster's Mayor Gives a Supper—Mining Developments of Some Importance.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—The approach of the Christmas season is amply evidenced by the displays made by local merchants, and reports indicate a larger volume of business this year than last.

The interior of Christ church has been undergoing a re-decoration during the last few days and will present a really handsome appearance at the Christmas season. An organ recital and sacred concert will be given in the church to-night.

A consecration service was held on Sunday night on the premises occupied by the Japanese Christian Endeavor Society on Pender street. Six Japanese were baptised, and a sermon preached by Rev. W. W. Baer. This society, under the management of the Methodist church, is doing good work.

Hon. Mr. Blair and party left Vancouver for New Westminster yesterday morning. Quite a number of citizens turned out to wish the Minister of Railways and Canals good-bye.

The remains of the late Mr. George M. Black were removed to-day from Hastings and interred at New Westminster.

The annual report of the health and plumbing inspector, just published, is considered a very satisfactory one. Reference is made to the improved sanitary condition of Dupont street and the satisfaction given by the crematory. No cases of infectious diseases have been reported during the year.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 23.—Hon. A. G. Blair arrived from the terminal city, and was met by a number of leading citizens. An address was read at the board of trade rooms, on behalf of the city and the board of trade, to both of which Mr. Blair replied in felicitous terms. No address was presented by the Liberal Association, Mr. Aulay Morrison stating that it was desired to avoid anything of a party nature.

After the adjournment of the city council meeting a supper was given to the members and the newspaper men by His Worship the Mayor, which proved a very successful function. This supper has assumed the dignity of an annual affair, and is much appreciated by the retiring members of the council.

A recount of the ballots in the late municipal election was made yesterday under the supervision of Mr. Justice Bole at the request of Ald. Woods, owing to a doubt on a part of that gentleman's agent as to the accuracy of the count. The result was to increase the official majority against Mr. Woods by one vote, so that the result of the election was confirmed.

The machinery for the Automatic Can Factory arrived yesterday, and is being discharged to-day at Sapperton. The steamer Lakme, Captain Anderson, brought the machinery direct from San Francisco, and also brings the skilled mechanics to whom is to be entrusted the installation of the plant.

A session of the Supreme court was held yesterday, Mr. Justice Bole presiding. Several cases of minor interest were dealt with. His Lordship afterwards held a session of the County court.

KASLO.

(From the Kootenaian.)

A strike of rich ore is reported upon the B. N. A., a claim on the South Fork of Kaslo creek. The B. N. A. is owned by Tim Cronin, Lauchey McLean and Green brothers, who also hold two adjacent claims. The new strike was made after going through 36 feet of granite wash, and running 24 feet on the ledge. An attempt was then made to cross cut from the foot wall, but at 17 feet the hanging wall had not been reached. Rich ore was struck, however, showing considerable wire silver. Assays have not yet been obtained, but the ore looks very rich.

Ed. Baum reports a valuable find on the Yuba Dam group, of which he and Mike Walsh are the owners. The group is located about two and a half miles north of Bear lake, in the dry ore belt, between the Wellington and London. They have a five foot lead on the property. They have run three tunnels, in one of which they tapped the lead and got ore in paying quantities at twenty-five feet. They also have the Bullion lead on the property.

The sampling works of the Kootenay Ore Company started work on Wednesday last, and ran through thirty tons of ore from the Whitewater mine. There are further quantities on the ground, and now that the works are in active operation, there is little doubt that the consignments will be ample.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Trail Creek News.)

Mr. R. E. Hasbrouck has his new concentrator nearly completed. He claims it revolutionizes the concentration of ores, as it works automatically and separates the different minerals from their gangue by their specific gravity. The cost of the concentrator and its operation is very small as compared with present methods. Mr. Hasbrouck has interested E. S. Topping in the invention, and as soon as it has proved what the inventor claims for it it will be pushed to the front.

The Heather Bell Mining Company, operating on Sullevan creek, has just taken in ten tons of supplies for the winter working, which will consist of a shaft and tunnel. This property lies a mile and a quarter from the Columbia river. The buildings are all up for the winter quarters and an assay office will be put in in a short time, right at the mine.

J. D. Anderson has just finished surveying the Marquise. He is familiar with all the claims on Lookout mountain and has made several surveys on it.

Fred. Kaiser, of the Kaiser hotel, is the owner of a two-third interest in the Copper Belt, on Beaver creek, a half mile northwest from the Nelson and North Sheppard railroad. The purchase was made from A. Walker. It runs $16 in gold and 18 per cent. copper. Mr. Kaiser has just stocked the Goettenberg, a quarter of a mile north of Porcupine creek and one mile from the Nelson and North Sheppard railroad. Surface showings run from $2 to $5 in gold and 57 ounces in silver. Mr. Kaiser proposes to open up in January.

Four men are at work on the Stemwinder.

A quarter interest in the Red Bird mineral claim at Salmon siding was sold this week to H. J. Scott, of Victoria. This is one of the promising prospects on Salmon mountain, two miles and a half from Salmon Siding.

The Dora L., Addie L. and Gold Plate group, on Salmon river, between Sheep creek and Lost creek, are to be incorporated. J. Fleishman left for the East to perfect arrangements. J. Lukov is also interested in the group.

Another contract for 75 or 100 feet of tunnel will be let on the Imperial next week. Seventy-four feet of work have just been completed.

The owners of the Finance and four other claims at Waterloo have given an option to a strong English syndicate. The gentlemen interested are H. Robbins, Tom Corsan, L. C. Crawford, A. T. Monteith and W. deV. le Maistre.

George Fredericks, of Rossland, has been negotiating for the purchase of a property up the Columbia river. The deal will in all probability be closed.

The Red Horse and Salmon River Mining Company are getting in shape to let a contract for 150 feet of work next week.

The Wisconsin mine on Lookout mountain is receiving attention. Cabins and general quarters have been erected and four men will be at work next week. The Wisconsin joins the Magnolia and the Sovereign.

NELSON.

[From the Nelson Miner.]

For some time the Le Roi management has been endeavoring to trace two blocks of stocks, in fact ever since the famous mine became a dividend payer. One block has come to light among the effects of V. M. Massey, of Spokane. He had given it to the Citizens' National Bank as collateral for a loan of $800. They put it up as security to the Chambersburg Bank of Pennsylvania. When the Citizens' bank went into the hands of a receiver the note was sent back to Spokane attorneys. The stock did not accompany it, but came to light afterward and was forwarded. The value is about $3,250, with accrued dividends, placing the stock at $6.50 per share. The claim of the bank is $1,000, so $2,250 will be left for the children of Massey. The stock will be sold in Spokane at public auction on December 28th.

A cablegram received from London states that the meeting of the shareholders of the Hall Mines, Ltd., resulted in the re-election of the majority of the old board of directors, and said further that there would be no change in the general management of the company. The machinery at the mines is now all in place and is sufficient to admit of the mining of over 200 tons of ore per day, the lower tunnel is in 600 feet and it is expected the first large body of ore will be reached in a few days, the tunnel (which is a double-tracked 9x8 working tunnel) will be continued about 500 feet more when the main body of ore is expected to be reached, it is being pushed forward at the rate of four feet per day. At present between 70 and 80 miners are employed stoping and prospecting the mine and about the same number on the outside. The electric light plant is now being installed in the mine and is expected to be in full working order early next week.

Rover Creek is getting quite a camp established along its banks and work on a number of claims will be carried on all winter. The Leap Year on the west fork of the creek, under the management of Joseph Brown, will work all the winter, and during the past week Mr. Brown was in town buying a big bill of goods. There is a fine showing of ore which assays $12 in gold, $16 in silver and 11 per cent. copper. The mine is operated by a company recently formed in Toronto. The Big Four, also on the west fork of Rover creek, took out a supply of winter supplies from Nelson this week. The mine is owned by a Toronto company.

The following returns of shipments of bullion, ore and matte from the mines and smelters in Southern Kootenay since last week's report, were obtained from the custom house at Nelson, and from data furnished by the secretary of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company:

BULLION AND MATTE.

	Pounds.
Hall mines smelter, matte	158,945
Trail smelter	330,220

ORE.

	Tons.
Payne mine, Slocan	100
Whitewater mine, Slocan	60
Wonderful mine	30
Goodenough mine, Slocan	17
Wellington mine	15
Surprise mine, Slocan	17
Rambler mine, Slocan	16
Ruth	30
Total for week	524

The value of this mineral was $78,064, while the total for 1896 was 27,724 tons, worth $3,124,571.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

W. R. Winstead has made a report upon the work being done by the Hansard Gold and Copper Mining Company upon the Lone Star property in the Slocan. In the report he states that the 125-foot tunnel has cut through some 40 or 50 feet of vein matter, such as is found in the ore producing veins in that locality. Sufficient depth has not yet been attained to demonstrate the size of the vein, its dip, strike, etc., owing to the unusual surface disturbances at that point. "From observation," he says, "I believe it to be a continuation of the vein which passes through the Corinne and Charleston claims, which lie immediately east of the Lone Star, and are now being developed. The Whitewater mine, which is perhaps the best paying mine in British Columbia for the amount expended upon it, has drifted as much as 150 to 200 feet on the vein without pay ore. The Wellington has had a similar experience. There is about 190 feet of tunneling on the Lone Star."

The Washington mine has been stocked with a capital of $1,000,000, in a million non-assessable shares, of the par value of $1 each. The properties which the company will take over are the Washington, the I. C., three-fourths of the Washington fraction, and one-half in each of the Charlotte and Herbert. The Washington is one of the oldest and best producing properties in the Slocan. Up to the spring of 1893, when it closed down, it had shipped 1420 tons of ore of the gross value of $213,000. It remained closed down until the autumn of 1895, when operations were resumed. A road to the mine from McGuigan station was constructed and a concentrator built. Since it commenced until compelled to close down in November the mine had produced 220 tons of crude ore, of a gross value of $21,341, and of concentrates 543 tons, of a gross value of $50,352. The treasury stock is 200,000 shares, which will be used exclusively in developing the property.

John M. Harris, of the Reco, estimates that the output of that portion of the Slocan which is drained by the Carpenter, will be $3,000,000 during the present season. He said that there were ten mines which would pay dividends of from $50,000 to $200,000, and in all between thirty and forty properties would pay dividends. Respecting the Reco, he said that a dividend of $100,000 was guaranteed by March 1, 1897.

The Bondholder Mining Company is pushing development work on its properties on the divide between Springer and Ten-Mile creeks. A recent report from the property stated that the shaft on the Pine Log, 66 feet down, shows pay ore averaging 213 ounces in silver. The upper drift is in 116 feet, and beginning at 20 feet from start of drift shows a continuous pay streak of 80 feet. On the Bondholder claim a crosscut tunnel is being driven and is now in about 130 feet. In 20 to 30 feet more the company expects to strike the main ledge, at a depth of 132 feet below the showing above, of a vein at this point from 7 to 8 feet wide.

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The Rossland Miner is one of the organs of public opinion in Kootenay which has been doing much to excite public opinion in that district against all things governmental which at present exist. From the amount of protest, and unstinted criticism which have appeared in the columns of that newspaper, one would imagine that the people of Rossland and vicinity are among the most downtrodden on the face of the globe. The most recent grievance of the Miner is that South Kootenay is represented by Mr. J. M. Kellie, of whom it says that he is worse than nobody, is hostile to the district, has no sympathy with the aspirations of the camp (whatever those may be in particular), and is generally incompetent. It says that if he had the least spark of sensibility he would have resigned long ago, and much else in the same line.

We quote these kind expressions of opinion, not on account of their merit, but as a sample of the inane criticisms which prevail in the columns referred to. Whatever may be Mr. Kellie's faults, and he probably has his failings in common with the other members of the Legislature, he has always been a warm friend of Kootenay, and has never failed at any time in doing his duty by his constituents in so far as advocating their wants or obtaining Government assistance in their behalf is concerned.

It must be remembered that Mr. Kellie was elected as representative for South Kootenay when Trail Creek was almost unheard of, and its possibilities were an unknown quantity. It is true that Mr. Kellie lives at Revelstoke, a long distance away, and necessarily cannot give the same attention to the wants of Rossland and vicinity as if he were a resident of that district; but that is not Mr. Kellie's fault, and we know personally that it is far from his intention to be hostile to any portion of Kootenay, the interests of which he has so consistently advocated, within and without Parliament.

Speaking of Kootenay as a whole, it would appear that it owes more to Mr. Kellie's efforts in obtaining Government recognition than to any other man, and to decry him would only be attempted by those who are unaware of the services he has rendered to his district, and who are indifferent in regard to the reputation and feelings of the gentleman who is so grossly attacked. No doubt the district of South Kootenay, on account of its rapidly increasing population, will soon have distinct representation in the House, but in the meantime it would seem that the interests of South, as well as those of North, Kootenay are quite safe in the hands of Mr. Kellie.

GOOD ADVICE.

To look at the telegrams and read many of the articles that appear in the press of the neighboring republic one would think that the entire people of the United States was possessed with a spirit of hatred for Spain, and that any attempt to help the Cubans, however rash or hopeless of success would be, if not absolutely discountenanced, at least spoken of in terms of mild disapproval. If any one had formed such an opinion the subjoined stern but wholesome advice given to those United States citizens who are eager or pretend they are eager to join the Cuban army will be a surprise. In an article entitled "End This Folly," the New York Commercial Advertiser says:

Honorable newspapers should everywhere unite in pointing out the folly and criminality of the Cuban enlistment craze. This nonsense should be stamped out at once, before it leads to serious results. This country is bound by all the rules that govern civilized nations to prevent the organization within its borders of military expeditions against the authority of Spain in Cuba. The Revised Statutes of the United States prescribe a severe penalty, both of fine and imprisonment, for an offence of this sort. Heretofore the Federal courts have dealt very leniently with offenders against the neutrality laws. If the spurious war fever continues it may be necessary to inflict exemplary punishment upon them. The United States cannot afford to have its reputation indelibly tarnished in the eyes of mankind by tolerating an open infraction of the fundamental principles of international law by its own citizens. The individuals who are rushing to the offices of the Cuban Junta to enlist in the insurgent forces are not helping the cause of freedom in the Western Hemisphere. They are violating one of the most necessary and salutary laws of their own country and inviting the indignation and contempt of their rational fellow citizens.

FAIR PLAY FOR ALL.

The Washington Mining Journal, published at Seattle, by W. D. Pratt, formerly of Rossland, the first number of which is to hand, states that "British Columbia newspapers announce that the Provincial Parliament, which assembles at Victoria after the holidays, will repeal the law which permits citizens of the United States and other 'aliens' to prospect for precious metals in British Columbia territory." We do not know upon what authority the "newspapers" to which the Mining Journal refers announce that the Provincial Legislature will "repeal the law," but certainly our contemporary is very much beclouded on the question. In the first place, as a rule, the newspapers do not announce what or what not the the Government intend to do at a session of the Legislature, that being usually reserved for the Speech from the Throne. Nor do we know of any "law" which permits citizens of the United States or other "aliens" to prospect. They are permitted by the absence of any law to the contrary, or rather are not prohibited by law. If the Legislature took any action in this matter at all, about which one or two papers in the Interior have been talking as desirable, it would be to pass a new law, not to repeal an existing one; but we do not think that any such thing has crossed the minds of either the Government or individual members of Parliament.

The Washington Mining Journal seems to threaten dire things if such a law is passed, the most important of which is that the American prospector will quietly roll up his blankets, extinguish the embers of his camp-fire and return to the other side. Such a casualty need not be anticipated.

If, however, an alien law is passed by the Dominion Government, or if the Provincial Government refused to grant licenses to citizens of the United States to prospect and own mines in British Columbia, it would only be following out the insane policy of the United States itself, and that of many of the states of the Union. The latest phase of this "anti-alien" spirit which exists on the other side is illustrated in the recent decision which prevents Canadian nurses from being employed in hospitals, of whom, if newspaper dispatches can be relied upon, a large number are to be deported from the city of Buffalo.

We have no sympathy with legislation which endeavors to exclude the people of another country from entering our own for the purpose of making a living. It is, nevertheless, amusing to witness the protests of the newspapers in a country which has been the chief sinner in this respect when some such law is said to be threatened against their own people.

LAND IN AUSTRALIA.

Attention of late has been largely directed in Australia where a condition of things not unlike those which in a measure prevail in British Columbia existed, to the matter of settling the land, and the land laws in general. As we know, great tracts of land have been held by speculators and by others who use it for grazing purposes. The question of providing land for the people where so much of the population had become centralized in the cities, and where it was difficult to find employmen for them, has pressed the land problem to the front and emphasized the need for reform. In New South Wales it was decided to introduce a system of state land control, and a bill remodelling the whole land system of the Colony was introduced and passed by the Colonial Parliament in 1895.

A good deal of speculation existed as to its success, and it is with interest that we read a report of the result of the first year's operations. The promoter of the measure, when he introduced it in Parliament, promised to obtain 2,000 new settlers within twelve months, and the official returns show that over 2,500 families were established in holdings as residential selectors. The average number since 1861 has been about 800 per annum, but, as has occurred in many other places, settlement was not always permanent, and those who made applications for lands did not always become settlers. Under the Act of 1895 there is a perpetual residence on all homesteads, twenty-eight years' residence on settlement leases, ten years on conditional purchases and five years' residence on additional conditional purchases. The homesteads carry perpetual rent with re-appraisement every ten years, while settlement leases run twenty-eight years at a yearly rental of 1¼ per cent.

From these classes of holdings there will be derived a permanent revenue to the state, and on the expiry of the settlement leases there will be large areas of land reverting to the Crown to meet the demands of increasing population. This is at least the hope held out at present. During the year 335,421 acres were taken up under the Homestead Clause, 842,537 acres under the settlement leases, and 134,133 acres on the conditional purchases. There has been under these conditions an extensive rush for land.

The eagerness to settle the good land was shown by the large number of applications for blocks thrown open for selection. For 48 blocks in the Wagga Wagga district there were nearly 5,000 applications; for 20 blocks in the Corowa district, about 7,000 applications; and for 33 blocks in the Urana district, 10,000 applicatns, the applications being principally residents in Victoria. The report shows the settlement to be principally by residents of the cities and does not represent immigration to any considerable extent. Capital is being expended on improvement, and the settlers are meeting their obligations with commendable punctuality.

As to the ultimate success very little can be judged by the first year's operations, but the experiment will be looked forward to with great interest by the people in those Colonies where conditions similar to those in Australia exist.

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To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

no15 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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TENDERS.

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits,

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

Lots 32, 33, 34 and 35, Queen Charlotte Island; containing in the aggregate 10,314 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $4,985.70, the first year's rental, $1,547.10, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house and lot with outbuildings, upto the 19th December. Can be seen by applying on the premises 299 Moss street. A. Edwards. de16

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All that piece or parcel of land situate in Victoria District, British Columbia, and known as Subdivision C, Lot two (2), and Subdivision C, Lot three (3), Section thirty-seven (XXXVII) in said district, according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, and numbered 225, containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less known as

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Together with all buildings and improvements, which comprise: Two story dwelling house, 8 rooms; barn, laborers' house, root house, boiler house, chicken house, pigsty, woodshed, fruit shed, implement shed, double action pump, together with the nursery stock, implements, tools, horses, cow, chickens, express wagon, 656 fruit trees, comprising 50 varieties of pears, plums, cherry, apple and crab apple trees.

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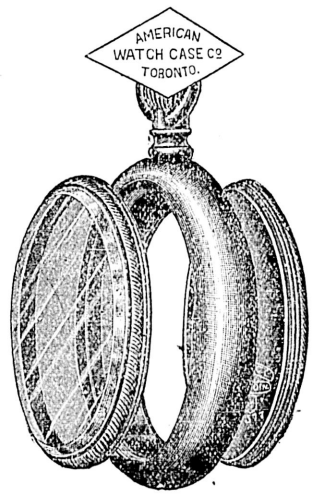

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Ever made in Victoria is now on exhibition in our window. It's nine stories high, beautifully figured with cupids, and will be raffled Xmas Eve. Also leave your orders early for Xmas Cakes, Plum Puddings, Mince Pies, Short Bread, Fancy Pastry, etc. We make the finest cakes in the city, and will guarantee you satisfaction.

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We have the sale of 35,000 Treasury Shares in the above Company, which we now offer to the public at 15 cents, in parcels to suit the purchaser. The Claim is full-sized (1,500 feet square) situate in the Big Bend Country, north of Revelstoke. There is good water communication and a good trail to the property. It is a free milling proposition and assays from $39.20 to $1,280 per ton in gold. A milling plant, capable of handling 30 tons of quartz per day will be erected in the spring. The tunnel is in 93 feet, 7 feet high and 9 feet in width. The free milling quartz vein is 9 feet wide, all in ore. Samples of the quartz can be seen at our office. Solid sulphurets of iron give 7 ounces of gold, equal to $140 per ton. The shares are $1.00, issued as fully paid up and non-assessable. Capital stock, $700,000 1,000 tons on the dump; estimated value $40,000. For further particulars call on

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"THE ROSSLAND DAILY RECORD"
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If you are interested in the above please call upon
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We know you read The Colonist, and we presume you read our announcements, so we embrace this opportunity to wish you

A HAPPY XMAS

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AUCTION SALES.

Jan. 7—Farm property. Joshua Davies.

XMAS PERFUMES, TRAVELLING CASES Best English manufacture.
CELLULOID CASES of all descriptions
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Hall & Co. { Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block, cor. Yates & Douglas Sts.

SPENCER'S ARCADE.

One case kid body dolls arrived last night and marked at special prices; a good one for 25c.; better ones 50c. to $1.25. See window to-day for a special line of 10 and 25c. dolls; regular prices $1.25 to 25c.

THE CITY

THIS week's regular meeting of the W.C.T.U., as also that for next week, has been postponed in view of the holiday festivities.

THE city council had a very brief meeting last night, the only business being the reconsideration of the Municipal Elections bylaw and its final passage. The whole proceedings were over in ten minutes, a wonderful record for the present council.

REV. T. J. MCCROSSAN, pastor of the James Bay Methodist church, officiated yesterday at the funeral of Miss Margaret C. Peden, the following named gentlemen acting as pallbearers: Messrs. James, Robert, William and George Donaldson.

THE tiniest wedding cake on record, or at all events the smallest ever supplied in this city to fill an actual order, was turned out of the New England bakery yesterday. With icing and decorations complete it weighed just two and a quarter ounces.

THE usual Christmas eve celebration of high mass at St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral has been abolished this year, consequently there will not be any midnight mass. On Christmas day high mass will be celebrated at 6.30 a.m. and at 10.30, when the choir will render Legeal's third mass in B flat. At the offertory Ave Verum, soprano solo with choir accompaniment, by Leprevost and Adeste Fidelis, will end the service.

CAPTAIN LEYH, of the Salvation Army, who twice has been disappointed in giving entertainments with his kintograph this week, was able to fill an engagement to the pleasure of a large gathering in the barracks at the corner of Pandora and Broad streets last evening. The reason that entertainments were not given at Victoria West and Saanichton was the non-arrival of the apparatus from Nanaimo, it having been delayed in transit.

THE wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co. x

GENERAL complaint is made by all using the Esquimalt road, of the zig-zag manner in which the tramway company have been allowed to lay their tracks from the new pile bridge toward Victoria West. In going from the bridge to Everett's Exchange, a distance of one block, drivers of vehicles are compelled to cross the tracks no fewer than three times, and considerable surprise is expressed that a serious accident has not occurred ere this in consequence. The car company are adhering strictly to the municipal regulation restricting the number of passengers to thirty while crossing Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges, and passengers are daily requested to walk across the bridges for safety's sake. The provision may be a very wise one, but it does not particularly reassure the thirty nevertheless, and as a prominent American visitor remarked yesterday on leaving the car by request, "It doesn't give visitors any too high an opinion of the measures adopted by the city to make their bridges safe."

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

Selling at cost—A large lot of children's games and toys at Lombard's music store. x

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

BESIDES electing officers the Companions of Forest decided last evening to change their place of meeting from the A.O.U.W. to Philharmonic hall.

The cars of the Consolidated Railway Co. will not commence running to-morrow (Christmas) until 9 a.m. After to-morrow the usual time will be adhered to.

MR. P. D. MCMILLAN, of Griswold, Ont., formerly a resident of this city, and Miss Alberta Gene, eldest daughter of Mr. William Gene, were united in marriage at Woold Lake, Minn., on the 18th instant.

A COMBINATION attraction is announced for the evening of January 5 at the Central hall on Kingston street, James Bay, the Boys' Brigade giving a concert and the Presbyterian Sunday school a Christmas tree.

VICTORIA enjoys especial freedom from the operations of beggars, perhaps, because the police are as a rule down on this class of nuisances "like a ton of bricks." James Emerson, who was run in Tuesday night for imposing on the generosity of Christmas shoppers, was yesterday remanded by the police magistrate with the advice to take a holiday trip to some other city.

THE friends of Mrs. William John Deasy will regret to hear of her death, which took place yesterday evening at St. Joseph's hospital, where she had been a patient for a short time past. Mrs. Deasy was 28 years of age and the daughter of Mr. Thomas Sieward, of Park farm, Lytton. She leaves a husband and three young children to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

AFTER the adjournment of the city council last night the members had a private conference in the committee room at which it is understood waterworks matters were discussed. The latest phase of the situation is that the filter beds are leaking through the concrete at the sides or the bottom. Upper filtration of this kind is not what was bargained for, but what action the aldermen will come to on the subject has not been decided.

AFTER a year's idleness the old Philharmonic hall was formally re-opened under Mrs. Lang's management last evening. A dance to the music of Wolff's orchestra marked the occasion, and it was the unanimous decision of all that the floor condition and general surroundings were congenial and pleasant. The hall's renovation, which is quite extensive, is not yet complete, but before it is finished its stage qualifications will be up to date. The dance last evening initiated a series to be given fortnightly under the same management.

THE teacher of the Cedar Hill public school announces the following promotions for the term just closed:

From Fourth to Fifth—Mabel Miller, Harold Russell, Clara Merriman, Nellie Russell, May Knight, Ethel Irvin and Leonard Newcombe.

From Third to Fourth—Marion Russell, James Miller, Ralph Thornton and Wilfred Holmes.

From Second to Third—Isabella McRae, Walter Palmer, Frank Miller, Tom Todd, Willie Merriman, Rose Palmer, Alson Carlow and Nelson Carlow.

From Second Primer to Second Reader—Willie McKeon, Nettie Carlow, Elsie Merriman and Horace Palmer.

THE Sunday school pupils and teachers of the First Presbyterian church last night merrily ushered in the Christmas season with their annual entertainment, at which old and young thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the children had been entertained at supper in the school room, they became in turn the hosts of their friends and parents at a bright and varied entertainment in the church, which was filled by a large audience. A special feature was the physical drill of the James Bay Boys Brigade under the captaincy of W. Finlayson, the youngsters going through the various movements in fine style. The solo contest in which seven contestants took part was so close that Miss L. Field and Miss M. Baker were each awarded a first prize, with Miss L. Bryce second and Miss Gertie Currie third. Mrs. A. McKenzie and Mr. J. Wallace took the superintendent's prize for being present at every service during the year. Songs and recitations by the children made up the rest of the programme.

Jacket slaughter at The White House continues.

Hungarian flour, $1.35 per sack at Johns Bros., Douglas street. x

Silk mantel drapes, table covers, Tideys table drapes and cushion covers at Weiler Bros. x

A LITTLE DISCUSSION.

Yesterday's Behring Sea Claims Commission Sitting Somewhat More Interesting.

Mr. Justice Putnam and the Senior British Counsel Differ in Opinion.

The monotony of the Behring Sea Claims Commission hearing was varied yesterday morning by a little argument between Hon. Mr. Peters, the senior British counsel, and Mr. Justice Putnam, the United States commissioner, in connection with a question which Mr. Peters wished to ask one of the witnesses. Mr. Theodore Lubbe was on the stand, and after Hon. Mr. Dickinson had concluded his cross-examination, Hon. Mr. Peters, in re-examination, asked for what amount the witness had sold his interest in the schooner Favorite.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson objected to this question, as opening up new matter, the cross-examination not having dealt with the question of value.

Hon. Mr. Peters, in reply, said that his object was to show in rebuttal that whereas Alexander McLean, a witness for the United States, had stated that the Favorite had been sold at the rate of $3,000, the fact was that she had been sold at the rate of $4,500—and McLean knew it.

Mr. Justice Putnam here remarked that the question of value should have been put in by the British in their principal case, and he did not think that the case should be re-opened on the re-examination of a witness as to the value of vessels.

Hon. Mr. Peters submitted that there could not be any reason why he should not show the price of the Favorite.

Mr. Justice Putnam responded that, speaking for himself, he must protest against opening the door again to lengthen out the proceedings. The commissioners had some rights as to time.

Hon. Mr. Peters was fully prepared to grant that the commissioners had rights, but as far as counsel were concerned he claimed they had a right to present their claims in the way they thought best. It had taken ten years before these claims could be brought before this commission and now if it took some time to present them it was not the fault of counsel.

"While the commissioners have rights," he said, "we have our right to present these claims, and we propose to do so."

Mr. Justice Putnam reminded Mr. Peters that in any court, even though counsel acted with the utmost good faith, they needed at times to be checked by the court. Mr. Peters must feel from his (Mr. Justice Putnam's) personal conduct that he had the highest regard for counsel on both sides, but, as he said before, there were times when they needed checking.

Hon. Mr. Peters—"There are times, it is true, when counsel are checked, but if counsel feels that he is right he must insist upon the course he has taken."

Mr. Justice Putnam—"That is quite right."

Hon. Mr. Peters felt he was quite correct in the course he had now taken. McLean had made certain statements of fact, among others that the Favorite was sold for so much, though he had not mentioned the exact year. What it was now proposed to prove was what sales of the Favorite had been made and that McLean's statement was incorrect, either from defective memory or some other cause.

On turning to the notes it was found that though the sale mentioned by McLean had not been expressly mentioned in his answer, yet from the context he referred to 1886.

Mr. Lubbe declared he knew nothing about any sale in 1886. The sales he knew about referred to earlier years.

After some further discussion, Mr. Justice Putnam said—"I have stated my views and will now withdraw all objection and throw the responsibility on counsel."

Hon. Mr. Peters—"I am quite willing to assume that responsibility."

The question having been put to Mr. Lubbe, he stated that a quarter interest in the Favorite was sold to Captain Alexander McLean in 1883, for $1,337.50, and on December 10, 1884, the whole vessel was sold to Spring & Co. for $4,500.

The other witnesses during the day were Mr. E. Crow Baker, who gave evidence as to the catch of the Triumph, and Captain Charles Ohlsen and George Logan, who were examined in regard to the catch of the W. P. Sayward for 1889.

A CHINAMAN was convicted of petty theft in the police court yesterday and sentenced to one month's imprisonment at hard labor.

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LIEUT. SLATER, of H.M. Navy, Esquimalt, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mrs. Reed, a widow, last evening. None but the most intimate friends were present.

COLUMBIA lodge, I.O.O.F., as a regular meeting last evening, made arrangements to instal officers on the 6th of the coming month. Plans were also made for next Wednesday evening, when a few initiations are to be made and an entertaining programme rendered.

COLFAX Rebekah Degree lodge, in honor of their sisters of the society who recently became brides, gave an enjoyable little social last evening. The event took the form of a supper, and around a table of tempting viands several hours were spent chatting, singing and speechifying.

THE Burnside Baptist mission was visited by Santa Claus last evening, and a glorious time was spent there by the children attending that little suburban house of worship. Tea was served early in the evening, then a children's programme was rendered, and a well-laden and pretty Christmas tree concluded the festivities, to the delight of all attending.

INSTEAD of a Christmas tree, over-burdened with dazzling tin horns, blue-eyed dolls, green sacks of candy and other ornaments of an extravagant kind, the children of the Centennial Methodist church had for their Xmas treat last evening a varied programme and received as their Christmas gifts over two hundred nicely-bound bibles. The boys and girls, however, were not only prepared to receive, but were determined on reciprocating generosity. In consequence each brought a gift of his or her own to gladden the hearts of the little ones of the Indian mission, whom Santa Claus is to visit this evening.

THE Fifth Regiment band concert at the Drill hall Saturday evening will be more than usually attractive from the fact that Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney will present the Royal Canadian Humane Society's medal to Messrs. McLean and Laing, who, at the risk of their lives, went to the rescue of two drowning persons in a small boat off the outer harbor. The band music too, will be even much more attractive than usual. Part II of the programme will be devoted to "Minstrel Melodies," for which Mr. Finn has arranged to band music many of the songs that were sung at the Victoria Amateur Minstrel show, and will play them for the first time. Included is a march, "The Brownie Boys," dedicated to the Brownie Boys of the Victoria Amateur Minstrels, and a selection, "Reminiscences of the Minstrels," dedicated to the Victoria Amateur Minstrels.

ELECTION CONTESTATIONS.

Charges Against Messrs. Caron, Legris and Roche, Ms. P., Dismissed—Simcoe Election Voided.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Judgment was rendered at Three Rivers by Justice Casault and Judge Bourgeois, dismissing the petition against Mr. Caron's election. Judgment was also rendered dismissing the election petition against Mr. Legris, member of parliament for Maskinonge. Both members were confirmed in their seats.

BARRIE, Dec. 23.—The East Simcoe election trial was concluded this morning, the judges declaring the election void on account of corrupt practices on the part of Bennett's agents. Each side pays its own costs.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—The Supreme court gave its decision to-day dismissing the Marquette election protest and confirming Roche, Conservative, in his seat. The Macdonald appeal was dismissed, and the charge against Boyd will be proceeded with.

HERE AND THERE.

There were ten tables filled at last evening's whist tournament in the James Bay Atheletic Club rooms. Fifteen games were played. Mr. A. C. Anderson winning with a score of 11, and Mr. R. C. Trimen coming next in the "honor" lines with two to his credit.

To-day's football match, Nondescript v. Navy, will be played at Beacon Hill instead of—as at first intended— on the Canteen grounds. As a matter of fact the Canteen ground is water.

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A miner named Dan Goggin, employed at the War Eagle, was charged with assault before Justice Townsend to-day, and remanded to jail for eight days. At a late hour the night before, he attacked a man named Daniel Murphy in the War Eagle bunk house with a poker, and the latter is still in a critical condition in the hospital.

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SMALL DEBTS ACT.

Full Text of Mr. Justice Walkem's Decision as to Its Constitutionality.

The Extensive Powers of the Lieut.-Governor of the Province Defined.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Walkem handed down his written reasons for concurring in the verbal judgment given by the Full Court some weeks ago, upholding the constitutionality of the Small Debts Act. The decision is a highly important one, defining, as it does, some of the extensive powers possessed by the provinces.

The full text of the judgment is as follows:

"The Small Debts Act 1895," appears to me to be constitutional. Opinions to the contrary are based on the notion which, for some years, prevailed, even in very high legal quarters, that the B. N. A. Act, in effect, transferred all the prerogatives of the crown which, before its passage, were vested in the governors of the several provinces which now constitute the Dominion, to the governor general, as the head of the newly created central government, and as sole representative in the Dominion of the Sovereign—the lieutenant governors being regarded as mere ministerial heads of their respective governments and as appointees of the governor general, and not of the Queen. The provinces, it was contended, occupied a position subordinate to the central authority and analogous to that of a municipality; and such in effect is the contention now. The best answer to all this is to be found in the following passages from Lord Watson's judgment in the case of the liquidators of the Maritime Bank of Canada v. Receiver General of New Brunswick (1892) A.C. 437: "Their lordships do not think it necessary to examine in minute detail the provisions of the act of 1867, which nowhere profess to curtail in any respect the rights and privileges of the crown, or to disturb the relations then subsisting between the Sovereign and the provinces. The object of the act was neither to weld the provinces into one nor to subordinate provincial governments to a central authority, but to create a federal government—in which they should all be represented—entrusted with the exclusive administration of affairs in which they had a common interest, each province retaining its independence and autonomy. That object was accomplished by distributing, between the Dominion and the Provinces, all the powers, executive and legislative, and all public property and revenues which had previously belonged to the provinces; so that the Dominion government should be vested with such of those powers, property and revenues as are necessary for the performance of its constitutional functions, and that the remainder should be retained by the provinces for the purposes of provincial government. But in so far as regards those matters which by section 92 are specially reserved for provincial legislation, the legislation of each province continues to be free from the control of the Dominion, and as supreme as it was before the passing of the act.

"It is clear, therefore, that the provincial legislature does not occupy the subordinate position which was ascribed to it in the argument of the appellants. It derives no authority from the government of Canada, and its status is in no way analogous to that of a municipal institution, which is an authority constituted for purposes of local administration. It possesses powers, not of administration merely, but of legislation, in the strictest sense of that word; and, within the limits assigned by section 92 of the act of 1867, these powers are exclusive and supreme."

Further on, the same eminent Judge makes the following observations with respect to the status of a Lieutenant-Governor: "By section 58 of the act of 1867, the appointment of provincial governor is made by the Governor-General-in-Council, 'by instrument under the Great Seal of Canada,' or, in other words, by the executive government of the Dominion, which is, by section 9, expressly declared to continue and be vested in the Queen. There is no constitutional anomaly in an executive officer of the crown receiving his appointment at the hands of a governing body who have no powers and no functions except as representatives of the crown. The act of the Governor-General and his council in making the appointment is, within the meaning of the statute, the act of the crown; and a lieutenant-governor, when appointed, is as much a representative of Her Majesty for all purposes of provincial government as the governor-general is for all purposes of Dominion government."

From this clear and forcible exposition of the statute, the inference is irresistible that in respect of matters assigned to the province by section 92, amongst which is "the administration of justice, including the constitution, maintenance and organization of Provincial courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction," the provincial legislature has a jurisdiction as plenary as that of the Imperial Parliament (Hodge vs. the Queen, 9 App. Cas. 117), and the Lieutenant-Governor, as representative of the Sovereign for the purposes of provincial government, has, and may exercise, all requisite prerogatives of the crown.

Where, therefore, the legislature constitutes a court, whether of superior or inferior jurisdiction, the power to appoint the judge rests, exclusively, if section 96 does not interfere with it, with the Lieutenant-Governor. Moreover, the appointment being one of the incidents of the administration of justice, and of the constitution of a court, the same would be the result in view of the maxim that, "whenever a power is given by a statute," as, for instance, in section 92, to constitute courts, "everything necessary to the making of it effectual is given by implication." (Potter's Dwar. on statutes, 123.)

Section 96 is as follows: "The Governor-General shall appoint the judges of the Superior, District and County courts in each province, except those of the Courts of Probate of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick."

The section, obviously, has the effect of divesting the Lieutenant-Governor of the appointing powers specified, and vesting them in the Governor-General. It must, therefore, be construed strictly, in accordance with the rule with respect to statutes, that the crown is not deprived of any of its prerogatives except by explicit or unambiguous language; "and where the language of the statute is general, and its wide and natural sense would divest or take away any prerogative or right from the crown, it is construed so as to exclude that effect." (Max. on statutes, 3rd ed., p. 161). The Small Debts court is not one of the courts mentioned in the section, either in name or nature. It is not a Superior court; nor is it a District court, for that court, within the meaning of the section, is a court peculiar to the province of Quebec; nor is it a County court as that court is constituted here, or in Ontario. Its jurisdiction is limited to claims for debt, not exceeding $100; and although it may trench upon the jurisdiction of the county court, that is no reason, to my mind, for condemning the act which creates it. It is, certainly, no reason for holding, in the face of the rule above stated, that section 96 deprives the Lieutenant-Governor of the power to appoint the judge of it. Where is the specific language to that effect, or, indeed, any language, to use Maxwell's words, which, "makes the inference irresistible" that the Imperial legislature intended to extend the operation of the section to all courts other than those specified in the section? The section must be restricted to its fair meaning; and, in my opinion, the courts it refers to are courts of a high class, as appears by sections 97 to 101; for the judges are to be selected from the bar and paid, and, when necessary, pensioned, by the Dominion. The Small Debts court is, admittedly, not of that class. The dividing line between courts of the class referred to and those of lower degree, must depend on the circumstances of each case, and be determined by the legislature; and that that body may act unwisely, or exceed its powers, as was suggested, by increasing the jurisdiction of the court so as to make it, in effect, a Superior, or County, court is not to be assumed. (See the observations, on this point, of the Privy Council in Bank of Toronto vs. Lambe, 12 App. Cas. 575.)

All that section 96 does is to curtail or abridge the Lieutenant-Governor's prerogative to the extent I have mentioned—namely, to divest him of the power to appoint judges to the Superior and County courts or to courts of that high class, and vest it in the Governor-General. The section, moreover, would, obviously, have been superfluous if the power would have vested in the Governor-General as an incident of his office.

The act in question directly assigns the jurisdiction of the Small Debts court to Stipendiary and Police magistrates—officers appointed to preside over their respective criminal courts by the Lieutenant-Governor. The increase of jurisdiction manifestly involves, in an indirect way, the power of appointment to the extent of that increase, hence the question as to the constitutionallty of the act. The Lieutenant-Governor's power to appoint the officers mentioned as well as justices of the peace has never been questioned here, and in some of the other provinces it has been held to be undeniable, as being incidental to the administration of justice—a matter, as I before observed, assigned by section 92 to the exclusive control of the province. Again, it is well settled that the legislature may, either in respect of subject matter or area, increase, curtail, or even extinguish the jurisdiction of any provincial court.

It, consequently, may impose additional duties of a judicial character on any of the judges of the province, including those of the Supreme court, as it, indeed, practically does in nearly every instance in which it sanctions a new statute, or amends an old one. What objection, therefore, can there be to giving the magistrates mentioned the civil jurisdiction created by the new act? A question of debt of $100, or less, seems to me to be of far less importance than many of the criminal matters that often come before them.

The magistrates' courts, certainly, do not become Superior courts, or courts of the high class referred to in section 96, merely because of the additional civil jurisdiction given to them. Hence, from a constitutional point of view, the act is unobjectionable.

(Sd.) "GEO. A. WALKEM, J."

CHARGES AGAINST MR. GUILLET.

The Commission of Inquiry Declares Them to Have Been Sustained.

COBOURG, Dec. 22.—The commission appointed to inquire into the charges that George Guillet, M.P., and others had negotiated to obtain from the late C. E. Wing, collector of customs here, his resignation and to have Mr. McAllister appointed in his stead, concluded its proceedings yesterday. The charges were declared by the commission to have been proven.

BEACON HILL PARK.

TO THE EDITOR:—Taking my usual constitutional through Beacon Hill park, yesterday, I observed men putting in a new-tile drain from the small lake to Goodacre lake, consequently the small lake was almost drained. One could hardly imagine that such a mud-hole existed in our beautiful park—as it is a libel to call it a lake—and, to cap all, no orders, so far as I could officially learn, have been given to clean out this odoriferous hole. If Ald. Tiarks (park commietee) wishes to put himself on record for re-election now is his chance.

There is another matter which would bear referring to. There was an appropriation of $500 this year for park purposes, and what did the park committee do? Why, they at once laid out half of it to provide a pit for the bears, and a further sum out of the appropriation went to maintain them. As I am creditably informed, they cost the city for feed nearly enough money to pay for one season's band concerts, which were given last year, thanks to ex-Alderman Hall's energy, and attended by thousands, but there was not a note of music this year, except what was given gratuitously by the Fifth Regiment band!

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the County Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." de18

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. de18

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A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897, at the same hour and place.

By order.
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, and of authorizing the Trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.
Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m., at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers o Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no23-1w H. E. FORSTER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

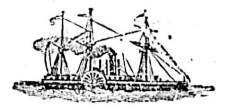
In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-6t Official Administrator.

FOR PUGET SOUND POINTS.



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WARMER WRAPS AND SUBSTANTIAL GOWNS FOR AUTUMN.

Capes, Short Coats, Long Coats and Ulsters Are All In Evidence—Covert Coatings and Fine Faced Cloths Popular For Wraps—Coat and Skirt Costumes.

The first touch of autumn is upon us, and it is high time to be thinking about warm wraps and other substantial garments of cloth, tweed and serge. The early importations make it apparent that covert coatings and fine faced cloths in many shades of tan, green and blue are employed in the making of fall wraps. Capes are again in evidence. The dressier ones are of velvet, satin or fine cloth, sumptuously trimmed, while those of the tailor made type are fashioned with severe simplicity from thick covert coating, tweed or all wool frieze. Long coats and ulsters are included among autumn wraps, and there is authority for the statement that ulsters will be much worn. An ulster made in dark green cloth is close fitting and with high collar. Braiding and frogs furnished the garniture. Long coats already in the shops have strapped seams and come in tans and dark blues and greens.

AUTUMN CAPES.

A stylish cape in green velvet attracts attention from its novel trimming. A festoon of Russian sable extends from shoulder to shoulder, terminating in loose tails that fall over the top of the arm, and the exceedingly high collar is of the same fur. Another pleasing model in dark green satin has fronts and side panels of cream velvet closely but lightly embroidered with gold, while curled ostrich tips form the neck ruche and adorn the front. A third model is a smart and serviceable wrap of thick fawn beaver cloth strapped right round and down each seam and having a straight, double breasted front, with big horn buttons. The cozy collar is of skunk fur.

New coats, with cape sleeves, are not only graceful, but wearable over any dress sleeve. These wing or cape sleeves are also exceedingly becoming and afford a dressier effect than the ordinary coat sleeve. Sack coats are also in favor. So are the close fitting double breasted coats.

Coat and skirt costumes are as popular as ever and show this season in some instances high flaring collars. Braiding is a feature on some of these costumes. Dress skirts are narrow around the bottom, with much fullness at the waist in the back. Sleeves are not so tight as was predicted and are out in a variety of styles.

There is an attempt to popularize tartan material. At present the darker tartans are chosen and are only used in small quantities as vests and underbodices to cloth dresses, except in the case of some new traveling cloaks which are made entirely of tartan and are decidedly effective. The tartan coloring is also being brought out in a new autumn material, with rough curled surface, which just shows the plaid ground of the fabric in rather a pretty manner. There are also some effective new bengalines with a very much raised rib set very close together just showing the groundwork, which appears to be woven with a metallic stripe. Bengalines of a like description are also made to show a bright color such as sapphire blue, green or mauve between the ribs. Basket cloths are employed in the making of tailor gowns. So are the cheviots and Scotch tweeds. ALICE VARNUM.

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When Selecting a Carpet.

Be sure and take a carpet the colors of which harmonize with the wall paper and hangings. A large or decided pattern will make a room appear smaller. Do not select too dark a carpet, as it is much harder to keep clean and shows wear much sooner than a lighter one.

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The Commander of the University of Chicago Football Team and His Record.

There is greater activity this year than ever before in western football circles. A dozen or more strong elevens are in the field, and the big games of the year are now being arranged. Chicago lovers of football will have two good games on Thanksgiving day, the University of Michigan-University of Chicago game in the Coliseum, and the Chicago Athletic association-Boston Athletic association game at the former club's Thirty-fifth street grounds. It will be the annual contest between the two last named teams, which are among the best of the athletic club elevens in the country. Last year their game resulted in a tie—4 to 4—after a most desperate struggle. Previous to that time the Chicago team had had the best of the series.

CAPTAIN CHARLES F. ROBY.

One of the strong elevens of the west is the University of Chicago team, captained this season by Charles F. Roby, one of the most popular of the young men at the university. The new captain has played on the varsity team for three years, and on the Notre Dame eleven in 1891 and 1892. His place has been at tackle and end, and, although he tips the scales at 177 pounds, he is one of the swiftest men on the team. He is solidly built and stands 5 feet 10 inches in his stockings. He has shown great improvement in his playing this year over last year, noticeably in tackling and getting down the field on punts.

Varying Condition of a Race Horse.

With regard to the racing season, now near its close, a writer for the New York Times says some pertinent things. He is also interesting when treating of the condition of horses entered for a race.

"A horse is like a man," says he. "One day he will race well and be able to beat records, while two days later he will not be able to beat anything that happens to have a good bit of speed. It is paralleled by the case of Wefers, the famous sprinter. We have seen him run one day as if there was nothing on earth that could ever beat him in sprinting, and then a few days later, when, according to his own statement, he felt as well as he ever did in his life, we have seen him beaten by men to whom he would ordinarily give a good bit of a start in even a 100 yard dash. With the bad lot of horses we have this year, there has been pretty consistent running, on the whole.

"There has been a shrewd crowd of fellows who have watched the races carefully, found out about the condition of the contestants as nearly as possible, have done all this at the track through various sources of information, have then made their bets on the basis of the combined wisdom and knowledge acquired and have perhaps won a lot of money. They have been shrewder and more careful than some who have jumped at conclusions and have lacked the cold blood in which to make accurate calculations."

Valves That Leak.

In speaking of bicycle valves that leak and cause trouble an exchange says that it frequently happens that a valve which allows the air to escape slowly when the bicycle is not in use will serve its purpose all right when the machine is ridden. The reason for this is that the air pressure on the inside of the valve is increased by the rider's weight and the washer thus pressed firmly into its place, shutting off the escape of air. Of course such a valve is not a good thing to have, but at the same time a rider may feel reasonably safe in going out for a day's run even if his tire was "flat" in the morning. In such a case, though, it would be a great mistake not to carry a pump.

Scorching In Paris.

Scorchers are dealt with by the police authorities of Paris. On the first offense a small fine is inflicted, the minimum being 1 franc (20 cents in American money). A second offense brings a heavier fine. A third entails a still heavier fine and a brief imprisonment. If, after that, a bicyclist scorches on public highways or otherwise violates the law, he is forbidden to ride a wheel at all, and a guardian, the equivalent of a bondsman, must be furnished to insure his obedience to this mandate. If he disobeys and is caught, his guardian is arrested as well as himself and held responsible.

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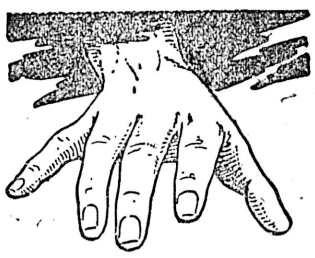

The hand of fate hovers over the unwise, the youth who in error have dashed the cup of life to the floor. It is a fearful horror to be as strong as an ox to-day, to be as weak as a kitten to-morrow. It is a solemn warning; it should be heeded. Catch yourself in the nick of time. If you cannot help yourself the

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	42°	Mean 43°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	43°		
9 a.m..	43.	Highest 45°	5 a.m.—8 N.
1 p.m..	45°		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	44°	Lowest 41°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	43°		Rain —0.16.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m... Observed 30.200
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E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—Mrs Moore, D T Crass, Jas McReavy, E Hayes, F C Davidge, H Frazer, Miss Frazer, M S Gordon, F Bride, Jas Ling, and F Albert Bartlett.

Per steamer ISLANDER from Vancouver—J H Senkler and wife, W S Wilfen and wife, H M Hubbard, L A Wolff, Mrs McDonough, N McLean, F T Okell, J Stewart, Rev F A Ford, N P Snowden, J B Taylor, J Brath, F Seaser, Mrs Probert, C P Few, W McNeil, J A Thomson, Jos Hunter, F W Foster, F Y Austin, Master Vincents, W B Charles, W E McCormick, A McDermott, D Cartmel, B McClarke, H W Heiss, F Angus, Alex McDonald, Selby Coles, A H Phillips, T L L Lewis, E J Christie, W E Fisher, F W Foster Jr.

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PERSONAL.

F. C. Davidge returned yesterday from a business visit to Portland.

Miss Mary Forsyth, of Seattle, is the guest of Mrs. D. Jenkins.

J. H. Fox, of Moran Bros., Seattle, is in the city for the holidays.

N. P. Snowden returned home by last evening's Mainland steamer.

Joseph Hunter, M.P.P., was a passenger from the Terminal City last night.

L. A. Wolff arrived home from the East yesterday evening, just in time for Christmas.

Norman McLean came over from Vancouver last night, and is registered at the Driard.

Miss Marrack was a passenger for California by the direct steamer sailing last evening.

J. D. Taylor has returned from a visit to Rossland and the other flourishing cities of Kootenay.

F. J. Dalby, of Union, is here to spend Christmas and New Year's Day with his family and friends.

Hon. D. W. and Mrs. Higgins left yesterday morning for Montreal, Halifax, New York and other Eastern cities.

F. J. Wheeler, district agent of the Great Northern, with headquarters at Vancouver, is visiting the Capital.

S. M. Robins, general superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is a guest at the Hotel Driard.

R. L. Easterbrook and L. Booth, Vancouver; C. M. Johnson, Tacoma; and J. P. Parsons, Winnipeg, are at the Driard.

J. H. Senkler and Mrs. Senkler came over from Vancouver last evening to spend the holidays with Mrs. Senkler's family in this city.

J. A. Thomson, government inspector of steamships, and D. Cartmel, surveyor for Lloyds, returned from Vancouver yesterday evening.

A. G. H. Potts, Kootenay; H. F. Keefer, C.E., and George W. DeBeck, Vancouver, are among the recent arrivals at the New England.

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Shopping News.

Published this morning for the benefit of The Colonist readers. To business houses desiring notices under this head a uniform rate of two cents a word, each insertion, will be charged.

A line of fine silk umbrellas just opened at S. Reid's, 122 Government street.

Just received ex. S. S. Braemar, consignment of novelty toys from Japan. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Roger & Gallet's Vera Violetta, at Jones'.

New raisins at Hardress Clarke's

20 dozen silk umbrellas, with fancy handles, from $1.00 to $6.50 each; bought specially for the Christmas trade. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Carve your Xmas turkey with a pair of Fox's carvers. Call and see their variety.

Roger's & Gallet's and Taylor's are names wherewith to conjure at this season of the year, the very mention of which recalls the odor of the rose and the violet. Our stock of perfumes of these and other firms is complete, both in bulk and in fancy bottles. To-morrow will be Christmas and you must make up your mind buy your presents to-day. No difficulty to suit you if you will step into our store. There can be no more acceptable Xmas gift than a bottle of our choice perfume, or something more durable but equally pleasing will be found in the way of celluloid cases, and leather travelling cases of the best English manufacture. No trouble to show goods and our prices are right. Hall & Co., Clarence block, Douglas and Yates streets.

Roger & Gallet's Vera Rosa (True Marechal Niel) at Jones'.

New cleaned currants at Hardress Clarke.

Sheffield table and tea knives at Fox's. A set make a good present.

A Christmas reminder for ladies — Lace curtains, quilts, blankets, cretonnes, table covers, rugs, etc., cleaned or dyed in the best style at the B.C. Dye Works. Tel. 200.

Fancy suspenders, fine gloves, silk handkerchiefs, suitable for Christmas presents. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Argyle House.—A good assortment of fancy dry goods for Xmas trade in embroidered and brocaded silk handkerchiefs; handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, ladies' kid gloves with fur tops, fans, silk umbrellas, fur collarettes, initialed silk handkerchiefs, ladies' and gent's silk umbrellas, chenille table cloths, white table linen and napkins, knitting silks in large variety of colors; a job line of gent's ties worth 50c. and 60c. each, selling from 25c. to 40c. J. Horner & Co., 83 Douglas street.

Roger & Gallet's Peau d'Espagne at Jones'.

Just O.K. those Ladies' Companions at Fox's.

New nuts at Hardress Clarke's.

Clauss serrated knives, set of four $1.25. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Silk and cashmere neck mufflers, from 25c. to $3.00 each; just they thing for an Xmas gift. B. William & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Novelties in Xmas neckwear just arrived. See them. Gilmore & McCandless.

Boys' and girls' penknives at Fox's.

Xmas comes but once a year,
And Sidney Shore is always here.
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Pinaud's genuine Eau de Cologne at Jones'.

Ladies' and gents sporting and pocket knives; ladies' scissor cases, splendid presents at Fox's, 78 Gov't. St.

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Dressing gowns, just arrived at S. Reid's 122 Government street.

New figs at Hardress Clarke's.

Dainty Puff boxes at Jones'.

There's a good gift, a shaving set of Sheffield make, razors in cases, strops, etc., can be had at Fox's.

Ties! ties! ties! scarfs! scarfs! scarfs! We show a tremendous range in all the latest styles. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Go to the Victoria House for useful Xmas Presents, such as Kid Gloves, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Wool Shawls, Purses, Needle Cases, etc., etc. G. A. Richardson & Co., 86½ Douglas street.

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AT FAMINE RATES.

Prices Still Enormous Throughout Bengal—Grave Anxiety in Northern Districts.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A Times dispatch from Calcutta says; "The official report of prospects in Behar says that the rainfall has had hardly any effect in lowering prices, which are still at famine rates throughout Bengal. The danger of famine has been removed in South Behar, but there is the gravest anxiety in many Northern districts.

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THE MERCHANT MARINE

High Tides Threaten Damage to Freight on the Wharves—The "Oak Branch's" Experience.

Modern Freighters of the O. R. & N.'s Australian Line—The Damage to the "Wild Swan."

Owing to high tides looked for to-day, to-morrow and Saturday, the C. P. N. Company and other transportation companies doing business here have notified their customers that goods must be removed promptly to avoid damage, otherwise the companies will not accept responsibility for damages occasioned by the excessive high water. Yesterday saw no unusually high water in or near Victoria, but to-night and to-morrow a rise of five feet above normal high water is looked for, and business men having consignments of damageable goods on wharves will do well to heed the reminder of the transportation companies.

PORTLAND-AUSTRALIAN LINERS.

Mr. F. C. Davidge, general agent of the O. R. & N. steamship line, arrived from Portland yesterday, and reports that the big steamer Aswanley, which is to be the pioneer of the Portland-Australian line, reached that port on Sunday noon. The steamer is of the modern-built type of cargo steamers, which are fast relegating the sailing vessels to the rear, and while she can carry an immense cargo with a very light coal consumption, she also shows very good speed for a freighter. The vessel is on a "round-the-world" voyage, having sailed from Tyne, England, on the 18th of July in ballast for New York. Mr. Davidge expects the Monmouthshire, of the O.R. & N. line this evening, to spend Christmas in port. As previously stated the steamer will have a very heavy cargo from Victoria, the bulkiest of it being lime.

REPAIRING IN MID-OCEAN.

The British turreted whaleback steamer Oak Branch, which excited interest in New York harbor because of her peculiar construction, had a remarkable experience recently on a voyage from Shanghai to Sydney in water ballast. It appears that the steamer lost her propeller and shaft in mid-ocean, and lay helpless in not the best of weather. There was an additional propeller and shaft aboard, and her engineer set about to make repairs. The ballast aft was pumped out and the forward tanks filled. Then the extra shaft and propeller were swung over and fitted into place. The job required eight days, during which the weather was bad and the sharks worse. The steamer proceeded on her voyage, arriving safely at Sydney.

THE "WILD SWAN'S" INJURIES.

H.M.S. Wild Swan, which struck a rock in Callao harbor some months ago, is now in the dry dock receiving repairs. She has been on the blocks since the 8th inst., and will not be floated until Saturday next. About twenty feet of the foremost end of the bilge keel on the port side was torn away or damaged through her accident, and a few of the inner timbers were touched. Apart from this the ship sustained no other injury.

THE LOWEST CHARTER.

The British bark Midas was chartered last week by Sibson & Kerr to load at Portland at 20 shillings, the lowest rate ever paid for a grain ship in that port. There is not very much money in carrying grain 16,000 miles for 20 shillings per ton, but it is probable that quite a number of disengaged vessels on the coast would take that in preference to laying up.

MARINE NOTES.

The following saloon passengers went out on the steamship City of Puebla, sailing for San Francisco last evening: Mrs. Scott, Mrs. M. C. Barton, M. Salmon, C. Wescott, L. Brook, Miss Healey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davies, Miss J. Marrack, Geo. Hadley and John G. Taylor.

To-day a new schedule, governing the movements of the C.P.N. steamers, goes into effect. It was inaugurated by the Islander, which, instead of leaving for Vancouver at 2 o'clock as has been the previous time of starting, sailed an hour earlier. Her regular time of leaving the Terminal City will be 1:15 o'clock.

Alfred Bodley has been successful in passing his examination for first mate's papers.

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Str. Charmer.....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston, " Port Townsend.
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" Hope ..... " Comox.
" City of Puebla ... " Port Townsend.

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Str. Walla Walla..... " San Francisco.

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" City of Kingston " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " Port Townsend.
" Walla Walla..... " " "
" Mischief ..... " Comox.
" Hope ..... " Cowichan.
" City of Puebla ... " San Francisco.
" Alarm..... " Neuchatlitz.

THE residents of Cedar Hill district hold a public meeting at the schoolhouse next Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the assessment rates.

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The Boston Trouble Likely to Be More Serious Than Anticipated.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The tie-up of the West End road, if it should prove as complete as is now predicted, would cause widespread discomfort, not only to city residents, but to suburban residents for miles around. That the strike question is not a sudden decision is indicated by an interview with a union official. The official said: "The trouble between the corporation officials and the men has been brewing for some time.

"From the nine divisions of the road, complaints have been received at the Union's headquarters that the divisional superintendent, the claims department and the other departments of the road have been crowding the men, overworking them, also letting them off and discharging them without sufficient cause. The men became so restive over their treatment that the union officers were obliged to take cognizance of the complaints.

"The climax came when several employes who made individual complaints of their treatment were summarily dismissed. The effect of the treatment was that the men joined the divisional unions, and when they were sufficiently strong the union officials prepared an agreement which would obliterate the cause of complaints, which have been gradually increasing since the agreement of 1894 went out of existence."

On presenting this new agreement to President Little he referred the conference committee, who had charge of the matter for the union, to Superintendent Rugge, with the statement that the latter official had full power to adjust matters. Two conferences were had between Superintendent Rugge and the committee. They reported to the joint unions that practically all the things asked of the management had been conceded excepting the request for $2.50 a day, an increase of 25 cents on wages at the present time.

Owing to this demand the only objection to the completion of the agreement, the Union voted to leave the wages as before, namely, $2.25 a day. This action of the Union was conveyed to Superintendent Rugge by letter. The latter replied a few days later, saying that he did not have the power to sign the agreement, and referred the committee to President Little. A request was immediately sent to President Little for a conference, but up to the present time no reply has been received by the committee.

TO OBSTRUCT SEALERS.

Secretary of State Olney Wants to Stop Sealing Pending Yet Another Investigation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington, D.C., says: "As a result of the investigation made into the fur sealing question by British and American experts, it is expected by officials of the state and treasury departments that Great Britain will be willing to agree to changes in the award regulations having in view the better protection of the seal fisheries. Negotiations are now in progress between the two governments. Data bearing upon the report of the British commissioners has reached the state department, and also the final report of Professor David Starr Jordan, who examined into the condition of the fur seal herd for this government.

Prof. Jordan shows, it is said, that more stringent regulations must be adopted if the fur seal is to be preserved. He states that the decrease is due to pelagic sealing and urges the several governments interested in the industry to agree to regulations which will give them the right for the protection of the seals. In case new regulations are not agreed upon Prof. Jordan suggests that the patrol maintained by the United States be limited to Behring sea, instead of covering those waters and the North Pacific.

The state department officials have not given up hope that Great Britain will consent to the proposition submitted by Secretary Olney some months ago, which she rejected at the time, providing for the appointment of an international commission to be composed of representatives of Russia, Japan, Great Britain and the United States to consider the whole question. The secretary also proposed that during the consideration of the subject Behring sea be closed to fishing.

OVER A DOZEN LIVES LOST.

Wreck of a Bark in the Gulf of Campeche—The Captain's Fatal Mistake.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—A terrific storm occurred in the Gulf of Campeche, on the 11th and 12th of this month, and among other casualties reported is the wreck of the bark Jamaica, with twelve passengers and most of the crew lost. The Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz and had a valuable cargo and some treasure aboard. As long as the ship remained in good condition she was sent scudding before the wind, and at one time Vera Cruz was sighted, but accident after accident finally made it impossible to live in the enormous seas. With almost all the sails blown away the Jamaica returned and attempted to get back here but without success. Most of the crew simply put on life preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of these. He strapped one hundred Mexican dollars upon himself and, clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sink, owing to the weight of the metal. The sight was terrible; one passenger after another sank, the boats proving unmanageable. The crew were all drowned and only three men and a boy escaped of the passengers. The wreck occurred off the port of Dos Rosas, Tabas county.

Fitzsimmons Will Fight Corbett.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Bob Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his family, started east to-night. Fitz will proceed leisurely to New York, where he will sigh articles of agreement for a fight with Corbett.

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COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON.

Report of the U. S. Commission's Visit to the Head of the Columbia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The report on salmon investigation conducted by the U.S. fish commission at the head-waters of the Columbia river, in Idaho, has been completed and published. The inquiry was begun July 20, of last year, and both the large and small fish had reached Idaho fails then. The important results of the investigation are summed up as follows:

It is probable that both the large and small forms of redfish are anadromous, though the evidence that the smaller comes from the sea is not complete.

The mutilations, sores, fraying out of fins, etc., are practically all received subsequent to reaching the spawning grounds. The redfish all die soon after spawning.

The young redfish remain in the lakes and connecting waters for at least one year after the eggs are spawned.

The chinook salmon, which come to these waters, die after spawning.

The young chinook salmon appear to remain for about one year after the eggs are laid near where they are hatched.

THE SHADY SULTAN.

He Endeavors to Compel the Armenian Patriarch to Sign a Document Pleasing to the Porte.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A Constantinople despatch to the Chronicle says that the Sultan has invited the Armenian Patriarch, Mgr. Ormanian, to sign a document admitting that the Armenians were wholly responsible for the recent troubles, thanking the Sultan for his clemency, declaring on behalf of the Armenians that they are completely satisfied with the reforms instituted and that they are not desirous of foreign interference. The Chronicle's correspondent says the Patriarch refused to sign this statement and quitted the patriarchate, and sent his resignation to the Porte. It has not been accepted.

The election of Mgr. Maghakia, Ormanian, the superior of the monastry of Armash, Nicomedia, by the National Armenian Association was sanctioned by the Sultan on November 28, much to the satisfaction of the Armenians, who hoped through this election that the feuds between the Sultan and his Christian subjects would soon be settled.

Suicide From Overwork.

SIOUX FALLS, N.D., Dec. 23.—A. B. Mackay, professor of Greek in the Baptist college here, hanged himself in his room to-day. He is supposed to have been temporarily deranged as the result of overwork and a slight illness.

General Harrison's Stolen Property.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—General Harrison has recovered all the goods recently stolen from his house. They came to him through the medium of an acquaintance in Chicago. A reward was offered, but was declined. Mrs. Harrison's watch and chain, an heirloom, a diamond pin and several smaller articles, amounting in value all told to several hundred dollars, came back in good order.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

The Treaty Will Only Exist Five Years—Its Fate in Congress Conjectured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—As already outlined the life of the general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States is purposely made very short—only five years—but this is with the expectation of a renewal for a longer period if it shall prove to work well, and also to afford easy opportunity for adoption. Its purpose is to dispose peaceably and honorably of such questions as arise between the United States and Great Britain, and will not admit of adjustment by the ordinary methods of diplomacy, excluding, of course, questions involving the national honor. The personnel of arbitration commission is to be of the highest character—men selected from the judiciary of each country in equal numbers, three from each side, and provision is made against a failure through a tie vote by the bringing in of an umpire. Neither the Venezuelan question nor the Behring sea issue are to go before this commission, but its first work will be to close up the Alaska boundary controversy. Unlike the Venezuelan boundary arrangement this treaty must go to the U.S. senate for ratification. The fate of the project in congress can only be conjectured at present. Some fear is expressed that the issue made by Secretary Olney over the Cuban question may somewhat jeopardize this crowning piece of diplomacy by inviting criticism and the display of ill-feeling on the part of some senators, who feel that their prerogatives have been invaded.

There is no longer any doubt that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is practically completed to the satisfaction of both governments and that its presentation to congress may be expected in the near future. Several minor amendments have been suggested and accepted from time to time during the progress of the negotiations, but it is now confidently believed that the clear copy which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury by Sir Julian Pauncefote, about a week ago, will at once receive the formal approval of the British Premier and be returned to Washington in time to be presented to the senate for ratification.

ADVICE OF THE "TIMES."

Spain Urged to Maintain the Calm Demeanor She Has Already Displayed.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times this morning has an editorial in which it counsels the Spaniards to maintain the calm demeanor they have already displayed towards the United States. Says the Times: "They can afford to ignore the insolent menaces of the senate committee, even if they are adopted by both houses, because indications are that the American people support President Cleveland's attitude. But Spain must endeavor to procure peace in one way or another, otherwise the time will come when the Cameron resolution will be adopted in substance by the President."

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